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SUBJECT: UNITA PRESS CONFERENCE AT UNITED NATIONS

1. UNITA SPOKESMAN CHITUNDA MET UN CORRESPONDENTS JANUARY 16 TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THAT NOW THAT OAU HAD FAILED TO REACH SOLUTION, UNITA IS APPEALING ONCE AGAIN TO ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR ASSISTANCE. AT THIS POINT, "THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE TO MASSIVE OVERWHELMING SOVIET STRENGTH". IN CHITUNDA'S VIEW, OAU MEETING HAD FOUR FAILURES: A) IT CONTRIBUTED TO FURTHER INTERNAL WEAKNESS IN ANGOLA; B) OAU YIELDED TO SOVIET PRESSURE, BLACKMAIL AND BRIBES; C) A UNIFIED ANGOLAN IDEOLOGY DOES NOT EXIST; D) ANGOLAN WAR HAS BECOME COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED BY MASSIVE INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN POWERS. ISSUE HAS BEEN MORE CLOUDED BY

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PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA; MOST OF DELEGATES TO OAU SUMMIT

WERE THERE TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA, NOT ANGOLA.

2. DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, CHITUNDA SAID HE DID NOT DISCOUNT FURTHER COORDINATION WITH FNLA. UNITA HAS NEVER BEEN SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA. US IS NOT SUPPORTING UNITA DIRECTLY, BUT US DOES HELP A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES THAT GIVE ASSISTANCE TO UNITA. MPLA HAS DEALT SERIOUS BLOW TO FNLA. UNITA STILL SEEKS GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

3. CHITUNDA ADDED THAT UNITA FAVORED UN ABSTENTION AND WOULD TRY TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY WILLING TO BRING ANGOLAN MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL. CHITUNDA SUGGESTED THAT UN COULD CALL FOR REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.
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